

REMARKS

There are now presented for examination claims 1-12, of which claims 1 and 6 are independent. Claims 13-21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Claims 13-21 were subject to an election of species requirement and have been cancelled and will be presented in a divisional application.

REQUEST TO DELETE ORIGINALLY-NAMED INVENTORS

This application named four co-inventors for the claimed invention as filed on March 23, 2004. However, due to the election of species requirement and Applicants' response thereto, claims 13-21 are now being cancelled and as a result of that cancellation, fewer than all of the currently-named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

Applicants respectfully request deletion of the following persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed and who acknowledge that their invention is no longer being claimed in this application:

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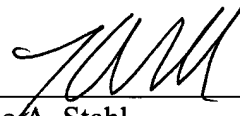
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)(1), this request is being signed below by a party set forth in § 1.33(b) and both (1) identifies the inventors being deleted and (2) acknowledges that the deleted inventors' invention is no longer being claimed in this application. Also enclosed is the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i).

Applicant also submits herewith a new Application Data Sheet to replace the Application Data Sheet filed March 23, 2004. The new Application Data Sheet is necessitated by the change in inventorship to Atsushi Iwasaki only.

Favorable consideration, entry of the amendments, and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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